

JAMES L. FOREMAN U.S.  
COURTHOUSE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1502) to designate the U.S. Courthouse located at 301 West Main Street in Benton, IL, as the "James L. Foreman United States Courthouse".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1502

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

The United States Courthouse located at 301 West Main Street in Benton, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "James L. Foreman United States Courthouse".

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "James L. Foreman United States Courthouse".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. DUNCAN] and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. DUNCAN].

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. H.R. 1502 designates the United States courthouse located in Benton, Illinois as the James L. Foreman United States Courthouse.

Judge Foreman was appointed to the Federal bench in 1972 and became Chief Judge in 1978, continuing in this position until 1992, when he assumed senior status. As Chief Judge, Judge Foreman initiated the efforts to redesignate the judicial districts for the State of Illinois. Judge Foreman also was instrumental in instituting a formal case management system for the Federal courts and establishing court facilities at the United States Penitentiary in Marion, Illinois.

Additionally, Judge Foreman served on the Judicial Resource Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. On several occasions he has been appointed to sit by designation in cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and in the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

Judge Foreman has served with honor and distinction during his tenure on the Federal bench, and this is a fitting tribute for his service. I support the bill and urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the hardworking gentleman from Illinois [Mr. POSHARD], the sponsor of this bill.

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. As the sponsor of H.R. 1502, I appreciate the opportunity to pass this legislation today before the end of the

session. This bill will designate the United States courthouse located in Benton, Illinois as the James L. Foreman United States Courthouse.

I introduced identical legislation in both the 103rd and 104th Congresses and am pleased to note that they easily passed the House both times. Unfortunately, in both cases the Senate adjourned before the bills were brought before the Senate for consideration.

Benton, a southern Illinois town in Franklin County, was once a member of the Eastern Judicial District of Illinois. This district covered a large area ranging from the outskirts of Chicago south to Champagne-Urbana and covered the entire southern section of the State.

Today Franklin County is one of 38 southern Illinois counties located in the renamed Southern District. The boundaries of this district were reviewed and adjusted at Judge Foreman's suggestion. Judge Foreman has had an outstanding career of service on the Federal bench. Appointed in 1972 after serving as an assistant attorney general for Illinois and Massac County state's attorney during the early 1960s, his hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. He was appointed Chief Judge in 1978 and continued in this position until 1992, when he was promoted to a senior district judge position.

Long before formal case management systems were mandated for Federal courts, Judge Foreman instituted such a system in the Southern Illinois District. Judge Foreman was also instrumental in establishing court facilities at the maximum security United States Penitentiary in Marion, Illinois to accommodate the community's special security concerns with the prisoners there.

Judge Foreman's honored and distinctive term of service on the Federal bench accompanies his work with the Judicial Resource Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh District Circuit, and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, as proof of his outstanding character and dedication to this great Nation. I believe it would be most appropriate to recognize Judge Foreman's many contributions by naming the courthouse in Benton, Illinois after him.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Judge Foreman and the citizens of his judicial district. I urge all the Members of the 105th Congress to join me in commending his outstanding record of service to our country and to pass this bill.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I want to join with the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. POSHARD], the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. DUNCAN], and the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] in supporting this bill to designate the courthouse in Benton, Illinois as the James L. Foreman United States Courthouse. In addition to all

that has been said, Judge Foreman is best known perhaps for his diligence in instituting a formal case management system long before that concept was ever mandated for all of our Federal courts. He will be remembered for that innovative and decisive action. It is absolutely fitting and proper that we honor Judge Foreman with this designation. I again want to thank the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. POSHARD], who has worked hard to salute the fine judge that we honor here this evening.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I join with Mr. POSHARD, sponsor of H.R. 1502, in honoring Judge James L. Foreman. H.R. 1502 would designate the United States Courthouse located at 301 West Main St., Benton, Illinois as the James L. Foreman United States Courthouse.

Judge Foreman has enjoyed an outstanding career on the Federal bench. During the early years of his career he served as the Massac County State's attorney from 1960 to 1964. In 1972, he was appointed to the Federal bench after serving as the assistant attorney general for the State of Illinois. From 1978 to 1992 he served as the chief judge and in 1992 he took senior status.

Judge Foreman was instrumental in instituting formal case management long before it became mandatory in the Federal system. His service to the legal community is marked with diligence, honor and distinction.

It is fitting and proper to honor Judge Foreman with this designation.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. DUNCAN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1502.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1502.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

**UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICIES ACT OF 1970 AMENDMENT**

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1258) to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act.